

This Supplemental Amendment, which is filed after a Response and Amendment filed on May 6, 2005, is submitted to correct and inadvertent error in the first response.

Applicant intended to cancel claim 14 as is clear from the argument. Please cancel claim 14 as shown in the present Amendment and in the replacement pages.

Claim 1-3 have been indicated to lack novelty based on Nakamura and claims 4-13 and 15-18 have been indicated to lack an inventive step based on the combination of Nakamura and Aronowitz.

Claims 1-2 and 14 haven been indicated to lack novelty based on Aronowitz.

With all due respect, applicants disagree with this examination report opinion especially in view of the claims as presently amended.

Previous claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 have been combined. Hence, new claim 1 is clearly novel based on the position taken by the Examiner in the examination report in regard to both Nakamura and Aronowitz. The present claim 1 tests blood samples which is not contemplated by Aronowitz and claim 1 recites subject matter not literally encompassed by Nakamura as admitted by the examiner.

It is urged that Nakamura and Aronowitz cannot be combined as suggested by the examiner since Aronowitz relates to a test system relating to interstitial fluid and not blood.

Reconsideration and modification of the opinion to find the present claims to possess novelty and an inventive step is requested.

Since there is no prior art which teaches or suggests the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all objections to and rejections of the present invention.

Applicant urges that this application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits early and favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged

to telephone the undersigned at 212-801-2146. The undersigned may also be contacted via e-mail at ecr@gtlaw.com.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

Respectfully Submitted,

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